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1. UNDER FRONTPAGE HEADLINE "FORD AFFIRMS HIS COMMITMENT TO EXERT EFFORTS FOR JUST AND DURABLE PEACE", DAILY AD DUSTOUR CARRIES WIRE SERVICE ITEM ON MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO ARAB HEADS OF STATE. SAME REPORT IN AR RA'I UNDER HEADLINE: "FORD ASSERTS HIS INTENTION STRENGTHEN AMERICAN-ARAB RELATIONS AND NECESSITY OF MAKING EFFORTS FOR JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST." ALL PAPERS HIGHLIGHT KING HUSSEIN VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND AS SABAH NOTES IN LEAD HEADLINE "HUSSEIN IS FIRST (FOREIGN) GUEST GREETED BY PRESIDENT FORD".

2. EDITORIALY AR RA'I SAYS: "WORLD IS WAITING FOR NEXT MOVE OF NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION TOWARD SOLVING VARIOUS PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY THAT OF MIDDLE EAST. MAN IN WHITE HOUSE IS TAKING UP THIS PROBLEM DUE TO ITS RELATIONSHIP TO WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY AND NEW (SINCE OCTOBER) U.S. ATTITUDE TO PROBLEM .. COMMITMENTS MADE BY U.S.

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THAT CANNOT BE EASILY RETRACTED." EDITORIAL GOES ON

TO SAY THAT KING HUSSEIN MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD  
WILL PROVIDE "OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN U.S. THINKING  
CONCERNING OUR PROBLEM AND TO PRESENT ARAB STAND TO NEW  
AMERICAN LEADERSHIP AND ARAB INSISTENCE ON ARAB RIGHTS".

3. WEEKLY AL MASA' COMMENTS: "AS ARABS WE MUST FOLLOW  
DEVELOPMENTS IN WHITE HOUSE, BUT MUST NOT BE WORRIED  
TO SEE NIXON LEAVE AND FORD TAKE HIS PLACE .. FORD CAN IN  
NO WAY CHANGE U.S. POLICY WHICH IS GOVERNED BY  
MANY DIFFERENT FACTORS...IF GERALD FORD HAS ZIONIST  
INCLINATIONS, WE MUST REMEMBER THAT NIXON CAME TO WHITE HOUSE  
THROUGH SUPPORT OF U.S. ZIONISTS. NEED FOR ARAB OIL IN U.S.  
MADE NIXON FOLLOW WHAT IS BEST FOR US INTERESTS. WINDS  
FROM U.S. ARE NOT WORRISOME, BUT WE SHOULD FEEL WORRIED  
ABOUT WEAKNESSES IN ARAB RELATIONS AND CORRINATION. WE  
CAN MAKE FORD ANOTHER NIXON IF WE STAND UNITED AS ONE  
FAMILY HAVING AS OUR TARGET THE ONE ENEMY -- ISRAEL."

4. DAILY AD DUSTOUR REGRETS THAT ARABS DO NOT KNOW  
HOW TO USE THEIR NEW WEALTH TO SUPPORT THEIR INTERESTS.  
IT CALLS FOR OIL BACKED ARAB DINAR AND CONCLUDES:  
" THEN WE WILL NOT HAVE TO WORRY WHO IS NEW U.S. PRESIDENT".  
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